



*In Loving Memory of
Missionary
Betty Jean Watson Leonard*



SUNSET
August 31st, 2003

Services Held On
September 10th, 2003 • 11:00 AM

Ephesian Church of God in Christ
1709 Alcatraz Boulevard • Oakland, California

Officiating
BISHOP WYATT HAMILTON
Prelate of California Northwest Jurisdiction

Master of Ceremonies
BISHOP J.W. MACKLIN
Prelate of Northern California Metropolitan Jurisdiction



Obituary

Betty Watson Leonard was an organizer, composer, director, musician and spiritual leader. Betty along with the assistance of Edwin Hawkins organized the Northern California State Youth Choir comprised of black young of the Church of God in Christ, under the direction of Elder Lafar Johnson.

Betty was a young positive spiritual mentor who helped encourage other Christian youth to sing and use their talents for the Lord Jesus Christ. She was an innovative and charismatic person full of Energy and Enthuseastic Zest for the Lord. She directed the California NorthWest Convention Choir under the leadership of Bishop S.R. Martin.

As a promanite member of the Watson Sisters, Betty was an organizer as well as a composer. After her sister Doris Watson married and left the group, Betty took over the reins and became the next leader of the Watson Sisters. The group sang across the country, traveling with the renound Reverend C.L. Franklin of Detriot Michigan. Betty also did international evengelistic work with numerous renound evengelists.

The Lord blessed Betty of lead the Watson Sisters and many doors were opened. Voices of the Watson Sisters rang over the radio waves and souls were truly blessed. Her recorded works appeared on movie sound tracks and are known and respected by numerous gospel greats including Reverend James Cleveland, Andrea Crouch and Billy Preston to name a few.

Betty loved God and worked as the minister of music faithjully under the leadership of her father Pastor Birthon Watson of the True Holiness Church of God in Christ, Oakland, California. After the homegoing of her father her faithful worked continued with her brother Elder James Watson who succeded as pastor.

Betty loved Jesus with her entire being. She was highly anointed of God; she preached, prophied and sang praises to God. The Lord used her as a spiritual and anointed organist, vocalist and missionary.

Betty was a professional Diamondologist as well as an educator. Her birthstone was a diamond and "Early One Sunday Morning" August 31st, 2003 to be exact God, her heavenly father, decided to select his jewel Betty and give her a promotion.

Yes, Betty was an organizer, composer, director, musician, soloist and spiritual leader. Her heart was filled with love and she would not hesitate to show her generosity. Evangelist Edna Watson invisioned her dressed in a white robe in position to direct a host of heavenly voices. Known to some as "Pretty Betty" her presence will be greatly missed.

Her immediate family includes Father, Reverend Birthon Watson and Mother, Missionary Edna Watson who both have proceeded Betty in homegoing. Edna Earl Wilburne of Los Angeles, CA; Bobby Watson—retired United States Forign Affairs Diplomatic Core—Alexandria, VA; Doris Watson Wilbourne of Los Angles, CA; Marion Watson Davis of Oakland, CA; loving twin sister Mary D. Watson of Las Vegas, NV; Shirley Lam, James Watson, Connie Watson and Mecletus Watson of Oakland, CA; Cynthia Watson of El Sobrante,CA, Twelve (12) nephews, four (4) neices, five (5) adored God-children, a host of reletives and dear friends.

There is still a small voice which says to me Closer, Closer, draw Closer to me. In a whispering tone it never leaves me alone, Closer, Closer draw Closer to me.

Lord I want to hear every message clear and I want every word to come through. For if I make it in, I gotta walk close to Him; Closer, Closer, draw Closer to me.



Favorite Scripture • Psalm 106:1-3

Order of Service

Organ Prelude	Chuck Webb
Processional	Destiny the Harpist
Selection	Edwin Hawkins, Pastors Andre & Sandra Crouch and Singers
Master of Ceremonies	Bishop J.W. Macklin Prelate Northern California Metropolitan Jurisdiction
Scriptures	Elder Arthur Stuart • Elder Ricky Hannah
Old Testament	Psalm 106:1-3
New Testament	Ephesians 5:1 & 2
Invocation	Pastor Al Williams
Selection	Choir
Expressions, Long time friends	Missionary Ada Yarbrough Missionary Dorothy Thompson Elder Bobby Callier
Representing the Nephews	Anthony Washington TW Williams
Selection	Choir
Friends of the Family	Bishop Ernestine Cleveland Reems Pastor Andre Crouch Elder E.E. Cleveland Bishop Q.C. Simmons
Selection	Choir
A Tribute to Betty	Denise Nina Wilburne
Acknowledgements, Correspondence & Condolences	Missionary Barbara Ackins
Selection	The Andrew Sisters
Obituary	Missionary Connie Watson Carter
Solo	Minister Ben Blackman
Eulogy	Bishop Wyatt Hamilton Prelate of California Northwest
Recessional	Choir "Going To Heaven"



Active Pallbearers

Minister Dwayne Davis

Melvin Davis

Michael Davis

John Vincent Wilburne

Anthony Washington

Walter Cahee

Honorary Pallbearers

Antwan Carter

Minister Elton Carter

Edward Wilburne, Jr.

Elder James Watson

George Davis

Donny Davis

Jeffery Price



Acknowledgments

Perhaps you made a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say,
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much, whatever the part.

— THE FAMILY

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